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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO AUGUST 27, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office action mailed August 27, 2003, the response to which is due November 27, 2003. Applicants request that the application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and arguments.